

Claim 21: (withdrawn) The method of completing a well as described in claim 17 further comprising the step of producing well fluid through the production tubing.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 12-19 and 21 are pending in the application.

Response to Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has imposed a restriction requiring Applicant to select one of three species of invention that the Examiner considers to be disclosed in the application.

These species are:

Group I: Claim 1
Group II: Claim 2 and 12-16
Group III: Claim 17-19 and 21

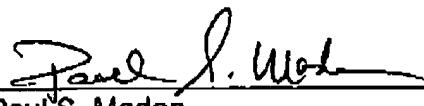
During a telephone conference of the undersigned with the Examiner on January 10, 2005 the Examiner agreed to combine Group 1, claim 1 with the Group 2 and consider them together for further prosecution. Applicant elects to prosecute claim 1, 2, and 12-16 in this application. Applicant withdraws claims 17-19 and 21 without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees for this response to **Deposit Account No. 02-0429 (284-23258-USD)**, maintained by Baker Hughes Incorporated. The Examiner is invited to discuss this matter with Applicant's attorneys should any questions arise.

Respectfully submitted,

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